

Public Law 113–152  
113th Congress

An Act

To amend title XII of the Public Health Service Act to expand the definition of trauma to include thermal, electrical, chemical, radioactive, and other extrinsic agents.

Aug. 8, 2014  
[H.R. 3548]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Improving Trauma Care Act of 2014”.

Improving  
Trauma Care Act  
of 2014.  
42 USC 201 note.

**SEC. 2. TRAUMA DEFINITION.**

(a) REVISED DEFINITION UNDER TRAUMA SYSTEMS GRANTS PROGRAMS.—Paragraph (4) of section 1231 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–31) is amended to read as follows:

“(4) TRAUMA.—The term ‘trauma’ means an injury resulting from exposure to—

“(A) a mechanical force; or

“(B) another extrinsic agent, including an extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chemical, or radioactive.”.

(b) REVISED DEFINITION UNDER INTERAGENCY PROGRAM FOR TRAUMA RESEARCH.—Paragraph (3) of section 1261(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300d–61(h)) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) The term ‘trauma’ means an injury resulting from exposure to—

“(A) a mechanical force; or

“(B) another extrinsic agent, including an extrinsic agent that is thermal, electrical, chemical, or radioactive.”.

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